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TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian decries cuts in funding digitization

The Ontario government is cutting its annual grant to Toronto Public Library to operate a "virtual reference library," a move the chief librarian warns will curtail some services.

Vickery Bowles warned city manager Peter Wallace, in an email obtained by Torstar News Service, of the cut to "funding that has been received annually for almost the past 20 years, although flat-lined" in recent years.

"This represents $1.4 million with an in-year 2017 budget cut of $700,000 and the remaining $700,000 in 2018."

The cut appears to relate to a recent provincial announcement of a $1 million investment in rural, remote and indigenous libraries, she wrote. "We applaud this much-needed investment," Bowles added. "However, this corresponding reduction in funding at TPL cannot be absorbed and there will be service impacts.

"This provincial funding is a major source of revenue for TPL's digitization program including content development, web development, and online services for all Ontarians" who can access, Bowles wrote, the Toronto reference library's vast collections of historical materials.

At Queen's Park, Culture Minister Eleanor McMahon said TPL's base funding "is not being touched whatsoever." She acknowledged funding for the virtual reference library, operated by the city for the province, is being cut. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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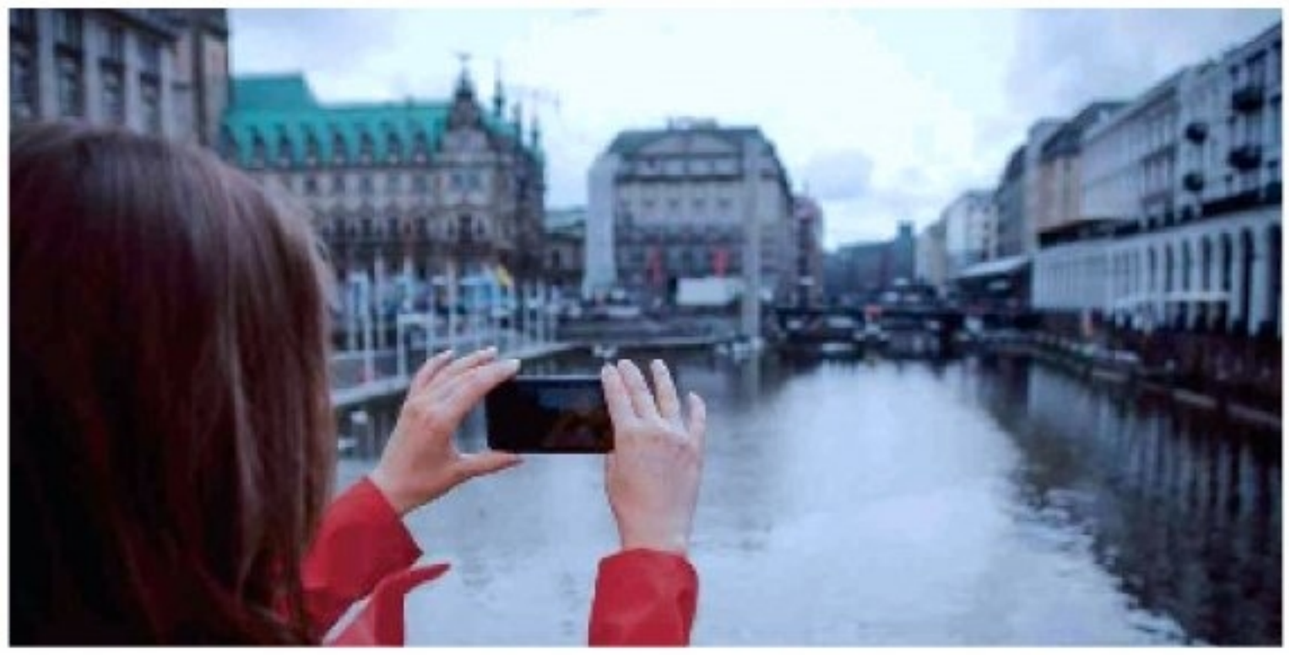

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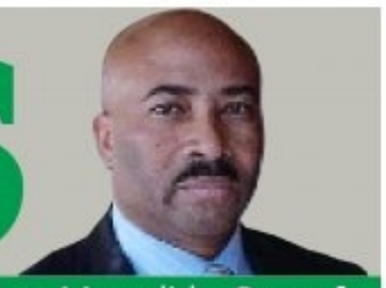

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'TRAJECTORY OF CHANGE'

First draft of plans for the corner of Bloor and Dufferin is set to go to the city in the fall

LEFT: The Kent School on Dufferin St. is no longer operating. RIGHT: Bloor Street will include shops and restaurants. LEFT: EDUARDO LIMA/METRO RIGHT: COURTESY BLOOR DUFFERIN DEVELOPMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
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Aubrey Reeves is sure of one thing: the corner of Bloor and Dufferin was always going to transform. What form that will take now depends on a development plan for the 7.3 hectares on the southwest corner.

"We're on a trajectory of change," she said. "But that kind of development will feed off that change."

Reeves, who has lived nearby since 2004, says the neighbourhood is shifting from a quiet pocket dominated by Portuguese bakeries to a bustling strip with an increasingly downtown feel. It might have the bars and art galleries to match, but doesn't have the density — yet.

The TDSB declared the site surplus land in 2013 and selected developers Metropia and Capital Developments last December.

The renderings, revealed for the first time in a community meeting earlier this month, show sidewalk cafés and a European-style "high street" of retail along Bloor.

Local councillor Ana Bailao references the Honest Ed's redevelopment when speaking about the proposal. It also comes as Galleria Mall, just a few blocks north at Dupont and Dufferin streets, is slated for similar redevelopment.

"This is the city evolving," said Bailao, adding her main concern is "making sure the community has a very strong voice at the table."

Todd Cowan, managing partner of Capital Developments, says it will include a series of uses "so that that site is lively 24 hours a day." That, paired with its proximity to transit, is a proven formula for success, he said.

Reeves, who has been active in the community consultations, says she has no issue with density as a concept, but stresses the growth needs to be managed carefully.

There is no timeline for construction and the first draft of plans is set to go to the city in the fall.

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Teachers to get money in settlement with province

Ontario's public high school teachers are in line for a cash bonanza of as much as $3,000 each after a settlement with the Liberal government, which five years ago violated their constitutional rights by imposing a contract on them.

Under the terms of the settlement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, which is worth tens of millions of dollars, teachers will get a lump-sum payment — receiving either $500 or $1,000 each — to make up for ending the practice that allowed them to bank unused sick days and cash them out at retirement.

However, in addition, full-time teachers could receive as much as $2,000 each for "the impact resulting from the delay in grid movement" in 2012 and 2013, which put off automatic salary increases for roughly three months in each of those school years in order for the government to save money at that time, sources also said.

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Tory, Wynne get testy over budget, city housing

It turns out you can fight city hall. Just ask Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is escalating her feud with Toronto Mayor John Tory after his complaints that last Thursdays' provincial budget did not do enough for the city.

"There are statements being made out of city hall that are simply not true," Wynne told reporters Tuesday at Lakeridge Health Centre in Oshawa.

Her comments came after Tory took a campaign-style tour of a west-end community housing complex and distributed pamphlets claiming Queen's Park is neglecting residents by ignoring a city demand to cover a third of social housing repairs totaling $864 million.

"There's a strong political overtone to it, which I think is counterproductive. That's my opinion," said Wynne.

At city hall, Tory stressed that "I didn't ever say nor would I want it ever portrayed that I was campaigning against anybody." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rise in water levels nothing to worry over: Experts

Visitors to Toronto's lakefront may have noticed a bit less beach this spring, and a lot more water.

Lake Ontario is higher than it's been since 1993, said Environment Canada water resources engineer Derrick Beach.

In March and April Toronto's lake has been about 32 cm above the average levels for this time of year. But it's nothing to worry about, experts say.

While water levels are up all across the Great Lakes, they are still far from breaking any records, Beach said.

"Lake levels go up and down over time ... We're not looking at levels that couldn't have been anticipated," he added.

"From an ecological perspective this is a normal way that watersheds change and evolve," said Matthew Cutler, spokesperson for the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation department.

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‘Belize is where she wanted to be’

CRIME

Friends mourn Toronto woman found strangled to death Monday

Francesca Matus and her boyfriend Drew DeVoursney had been dating for several months, friends said. CONTRIBUTED

Francesca Matus was living her dream.

The 52-year-old mother of two had always wanted a warm, sunny place to escape to during the Canadian winters, and after establishing herself as a successful property manager in Toronto, she found a retreat in the tropical Central American nation of Belize.

“That’s just what Francesca was — she was someone who was very simple and living her dream,” Matus’s real estate mentor and friend Robert Di Matto told the Star on Tuesday. “Not over the top, not extravagant in terms of her lifestyle, just a very simple life … Belize is where she wanted to be.”

But that dream turned into a nightmare for Matus’s friends and family when she and her American boyfriend, 36-year-old Drew DeVoursney, disappeared after leaving a bar in the northern Belizean town of Corozal on April 25.

Police found bodies in a sugar cane field Monday, a day after finding Matus’s car, abandoned, about 15 kilometres from the bar. The couple had been strangled, according to police. DeVoursney’s body was on top of Matus’s, their wrists were duct-taped, and both were in an “advanced state of decomposition.”

Matus had been scheduled to fly home the day after she disappeared. A friend who was supposed to drive her to the airport found her house locked, with her packed suitcases, passport and money still inside.

The news has been “absolutely devastating,” Matus’s friend Nikki-Monique Kurnath said Tuesday. The two met about a year and a half ago, she said, and became instant best friends; although Matus was about a decade older, she exuded a youthful energy, loved going out and was “happy, positive, care-free.”

“She was the person that would make you smile when you had a cruddy day, she would be the sunshine … She was the love and light of a cloudy day,” Kurnath said.

“We’re not going to see that smile again in person, and we’re not going to feel that energy, having her hold us and kiss us and calling us ‘bella,’ and having her tell us that she loved us. That’s the hardest thing.”

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HYDRO

Crews work round the clock after blast

A section of King Street West remains closed between Bay and Yonge streets as Toronto Hydro crews work to replace the old transformers with new ones after Monday's fire.

The area will remain closed until further notice as crews were expected to work through the night Tuesday.

According to Toronto Hydro spokesperson Tori Gass, the crews will attempt to move their equipment to allow for one lane to be opened, but this is not guaranteed.

The TTC is diverting the King streetcar around the area, but the Yonge subway is operating as usual.

The 504 King and 514 Cherry buses are being diverted both ways because of the repairs, the TTC said in a statement.

A blast was heard just after 5 p.m. on Monday, and witnesses say the noise was followed by clouds of smoke billowing from a street grate between Yonge and Bay streets, near the RBC building downtown.

The fire in the hydro vault under the pavement continued to smoke as workers persisted in their efforts on scene.

Hydro workers were in the vault Monday when they were forced to evacuate, Toronto Hydro spokesperson Brian Buchan said Tuesday morning.

"We didn't get to complete our damage assessment because the vault filled with smoke," Buchan said.

Smoke from the vault also interrupted hydro workers early Tuesday morning.

The hydro has been cut off from the RBC building, but Tori Gass said they have a generator providing some power and were expecting to have the hydro restored Wednesday morning.

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5 THINGS BENEATH YOUR FEET

DAVID HAINS METRO WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR

On Monday afternoon a hydro vault exploded beneath Bay and King, sparking an electrical fire with an unpleasant odour.

While Toronto Hydro says precise answers about the cause of the fire will take time, spokesperson Tori Gass told Metro the utility will "look at any and all possible contributing factors which could include infrastructure and weather."

Beyond the Lost-like cloud of black smoke, we look at some of the other mysteries that lurk beneath the surface of Toronto.

1 Transformers

It may have been a transformer at the centre of Monday's incident, but they're a key part of delivering power to your home. According to Kate Ascher's book The Works, large transformers at the power plant increase voltage so electricity can travel long distances. Then voltage is reduced at another transformer to a lower level for homes and businesses.

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2 Buried rivers and creeks

Toronto used to have more rivers and creeks until their smell and perceived threat to public health led to their unceremonious burial. But you can still find signs of Garrison, Taddle and Ashbridge's Creek throughout the city. Taddle Creek is the reason for Queen's Park Crescent's crooked southwest curve, and the buried Garrison is why there's a concrete bridge in Trinity Bellwoods Park that now serves no purpose.

3 Energy balloons

Dive 60 metres below the surface of Lake Ontario and you'll see giant balloons that store surplus energy for island residents.

It's part of a two-year pilot project by Toronto Hydro and local energy firm Hydrostor and can power 330 homes.

4 Pneumatic tubing

Before email and Slack, some local journalists filed stories using underground pneumatic tubes. While the tubes are mostly gone as a result of various construction projects, they used to link Old City Hall to the offices of the Toronto Star and Toronto Telegram.

5 Lower Bay and Lower Queen stations

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These secret stations are only occasionally opened to the public. Lower Queen was originally intended as an east-west streetcar-subway line, but never got built. Lower Bay was built for a 1960s transit experiment in which subway cars would use both the Yonge-University and Bloor-Danforth lines on one trip. Now Lower Bay is used for film shoots like Johnny Mnemonic, Max Payne and the Academy Award-winning Suicide Squad.

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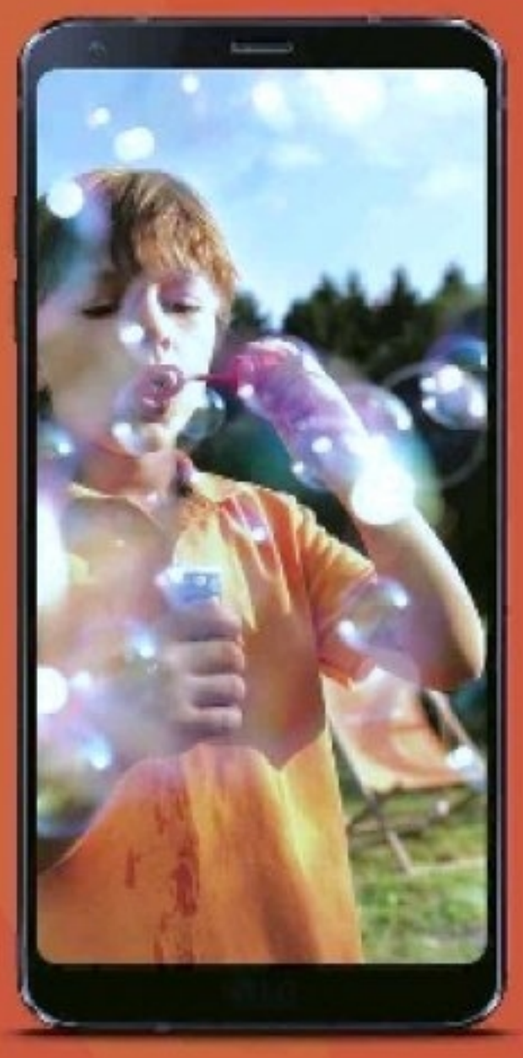

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Corey Fleischer, the owner of a Montreal power washing company, is hoping to expand what he calls his 'Erasing Hate' movement. ALLAN WOODS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cleaning up the hate

WAGE LOVE!

Montreal man makes his life's work removing hate graffiti

Corey Fleischer was driving between jobs in a truck that holds his power-washing tools and various jugs of chemicals when he spotted two swastikas and the letters 'KKK' spray-painted along the side of a Montreal fruit company's delivery van.

Others in his situation might have driven on, if they had even noticed the graffiti at all. He had done just that for most of his life.

But on this day, more than two years ago, Fleischer pulled over and asked if he could remove the offensive symbols, which had appeared a few weeks earlier. The owner was reluctant and said he would do it himself — but later.

Fleischer wasn't happy.

"I took my truck and barricaded him in. I said 'Now you're going nowhere,'" he recounted.

Fleischer explained to the driver that what he was about to do was free-of-charge. Ten minutes later, the graffiti was gone.

On Dec. 5, 2014, he posted the before-and-after pictures of the van to his Instagram accounts. More significantly, it was one of the first times he had gone public with his growing obsession.

Since then, he estimates having erased many hundreds of markings. Now he says he is hoping to expand what he calls his "Erasing Hate" movement to Toronto by taking in reports of hateful graffiti in Canada's largest city and ensuring one way or another that it is removed promptly.

What drives Fleischer? He is Jewish, but not particularly religious. He pursued a Women's Studies degree at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont., but admits his real passion was playing varsity hockey.

But he does seem to have a singular sense of outrage when people are picked on or singled out for their faith, sexuality or skin colour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SENATE

Committee calls for Meredith to be expelled

Disgraced Sen. Don Meredith should be expelled from Canada's upper chamber for his sexual affair with a teenage girl, which constitutes "one of the most egregious breaches" of a senator's role and the public trust, according to a report tabled Tuesday.

The Senate's ethics committee made the possibly precedent-setting ruling after its sixth meeting on Meredith's affair earlier Tuesday.

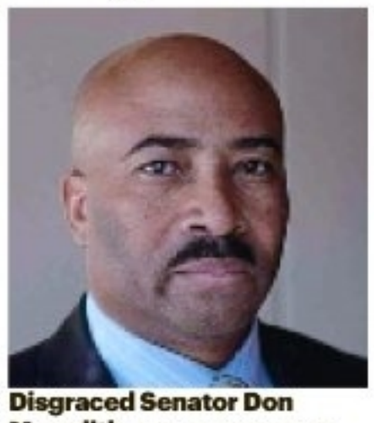
"He has abused his privileged position of authority and trust by engaging in behaviour that is incompatible with his office," the report reads.

"He has brought disrepute to himself and the institution."

The report says that, in making its recommendation, it only ever considered suspending or expelling Meredith, a married Pentecostal pastor from Richmond Hill.

Meredith's lawyer argued that he should be suspended from the Senate without pay for one to two years. But the ethics committee disagreed; the report slams Meredith for his "indifferent attitude" toward the Senate's investigation into the affair, which was exposed by the Star in 2015.

Only after the upper chamber's ethics officer found Meredith used his position to "lure or attract" the teenage girl into a sexual relationship did the senator acknowledge his "moral failings," the report says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Clinton attributes loss to misogyny

POLITICS

Russia, FBI also were factors, former candidate says

Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks at the Eighth Annual Women in the World Summit at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts on April 6 in NYC. GETTY IMAGES

Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that she's taking responsibility for her 2016 election loss but believes misogyny, Russian interference and questionable decisions by the FBI also influenced the outcome.

The former Democratic presidential nominee offered extensive comments about the election during the Women for Women International's annual luncheon in New York. Clinton said she's been going through the "painful" process of reliving the 2016 contest while writing a book.

"It wasn't a perfect campaign. There is no such thing," Clinton said in a question-and-answer session with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. "But I was on the way to winning until a combination of (FBI Director) Jim Comey's letter on Oct. 28 and Russian WikiLeaks raised doubts in the minds of people who were inclined to vote for me but got scared off."

She reminded the enthusiastic audience packed with women that she ultimately earned 3 million more votes than President Donald Trump.

"If the election were on Oct. 27, I would be your president," Clinton said. She also highlighted Russia's role in hacking into her campaign's internal emails and subsequently co-ordinating their release on WikiLeaks. U.S. intelligence agencies are investigating whether Russia co-ordinated with Trump associates to influence the election.

Amanpour also asked Clinton whether she was a victim of misogyny.

"Yes, I do think it played a role," she said, adding that misogyny is "very much a part of the landscape politically, socially and economically."

Clinton is not expected to run for public office again.

"I'm now back to being an active citizen," she said.

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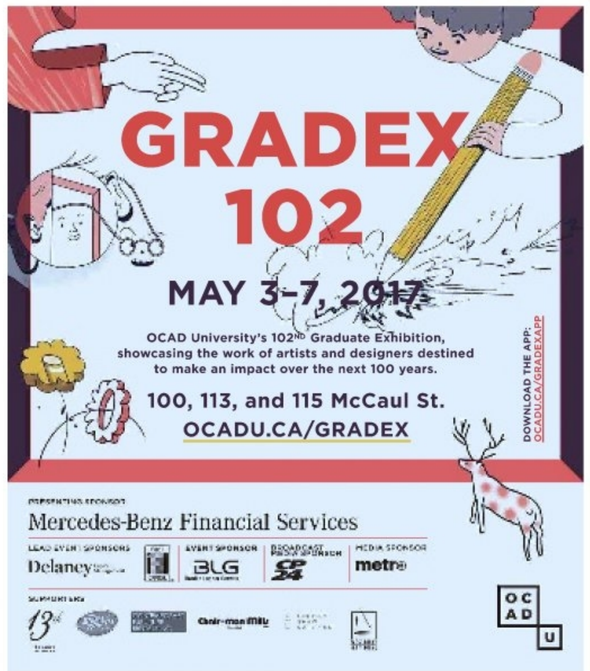
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JESSICA ALLEN ON FUNKY FASHIONS

Be it pristine or pre-faded, most of what we wear doesn't make a lot of sense.

On Monday night I wore my new favourite grey jogging pants — men's polo, on sale at Bay Days — complete with a grease stain from Sunday night's Little Caesars pizza. I looked fabulous.

On Monday night Rihanna wore a series of floral discs formed into a Rihanna-shaped billow of an ensemble. She looked pretty good, too.

My inspiration was: just me, being on-brand. The inspiration for the pop star's outfit lives in the mind of Rei Kawakubo, the Japanese designer being feted Monday at the annual Met Gala.

Kawakubo, founder of the label Comme des Garçons, has said her early collections were "inspired by the loose and rustic garb of Japanese fishermen and peasants," in a 2005 New Yorker profile. She sometimes adds a third armhole, or eliminates them entirely because why not? It's fashion. And fashion is art.

And just like a $58.4-million sculpture of a balloon dog by Jeff Koons, clothing is easy to mock.

Like the luxury department store that is selling men's jeans for $425 that come caked with fake mud, for example.

What's even more mockable is the faux rugged trend is so last year: Golden Goose was selling a pair of $585 sneakers last summer that were made to look worn in and dirty. Some were even bound with duct tape. Social media compared the Italian company's shoes to the "Derelicte" line from Zoolander, which was inspired by homeless people.

This February "Derelicte" became reality at New York Fashion Week when the Japanese brand N. Hoolywood sent men down the runway in layered looks inspired by actual homeless people who, because they are homeless, wear all their clothes at once.

I have a laugh whenever I see people sporting $200 designer jeans shredded within an inch of their life, mostly over what I imagine the conversation sounded like in creating them. It takes place in a converted upper floor of a European palazzo and a designer — let's call him Dean Nichölass — is telling his colleague, Jacobim 2.0, that the idea is ludicrous because who will pay money for a defective product, Jacobin 2.0? But Jacobin 2.0 asks Dean Nichölass to trust him because these jeans are wild and cool and so primitive.

But millennials are fed up with old people like me making fun of their shredded pants. "If I had a nickel for every time a middle-aged man made a joke about my ripped jeans it wouldn't matter that baby boomers ruined the economy," author Katie Cotugno recently tweeted.

GETTY IMAGES

Come to think of it, finding a pair of sensible blue jeans without a hint of artificial patina isn't that easy. Same goes for men's dress shoes. The last time my partner Simon and I went shopping for his-and-hers double-strapped monk shoes, as couples are wont to do, most brands came pre-faded.

I want my patina to come about naturally.

But while distressing may speak to our deep confusion about "authenticity," the reaction against it may tell us something more.

Most people regard trends in dressing as having some rational basis — as if a $240 Hermes tie makes sense because you have to distress it yourself.

The fact that a woman in ripped jeans and a pair of high heels is more likely to be chastised for the "impracticality" of her pants than her footwear should give us pause.

Be it pristine or pulped, most of what we wear doesn't make a lot of sense.

Like the pair of $2,000 culottes, marked down to just $600 that I recently passed over. They reminded me of a Renaissance tapestry. But I couldn't justify spending good money on a pair of pants that made me look like Spanky from Little Rascals.

I wish I had. They were super on-brand.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

The housing market is heading out to sea. OK. But is there Wi-Fi?

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

The federal government will be issuing its National Housing Strategy soon and I hope there are plans for the boat people.

You see, outrageous house prices may be forcing people onto the water. At least, that's according to a report at Vancouver city council that blames the affordable housing crisis there for "more residents living on vessels, full-time."

You can't escape the signs of the housing crisis. I know more and more landlords and tenants are turning to Airbnb. I know more of my friends are moving to smaller, less expensive towns that require a commute to their city jobs. I know my parents have steadily been increasing the volume on their sales pitch, "Why Rent Downtown When You Can Live With Us In The Suburbs?"

But I confess I hadn't thought of taking to the seas as an option. It seems like an eccentric life choice that would not befit me, a person who will willingly go camping only if and when the zombies take over. However, with no relief in sight on rent and mortgages, it is worth considering now.

A major selling point: I could rightfully insist on being called Commodore.

And by all accounts, there's a thriving community on the water.

There are "grad students, tradespeople, office workers and at least one family raising young children," according to the National Post.

Vancouverites are not the first people to live on water. As a response to high-price housing, they're not even particularly innovative.

Many Londoners live in houseboats on the Thames. The Guardian reported in 2014 that there are officially 10,000 people living in residential boats. But the writer suggests there may be more, as most of the houseboats are ad-hoc and found by word of mouth.

For the joy of using a chemical toilet on the historic Thames, you can get a bunk for $640 Canadian.

You might inhale a bit of mould, but think of the savings. Increasingly, that's the risk of renting in major cities across Canada.

Before I found my current place that I can't really afford, I saw a lot of apartments. More than a few looked like the place where sadness goes to get sadder. One particularly egregious place looked ready-made for a kidnapper or a torturer. It cost half my salary.

I don't imagine our lakes and rivers will be full of economic migrants fleeing the land. Instead, as we're already seeing, more people will move further out of urban areas.

But for every couple of thousand people measuring their house in square meters, there will be a hardy few that measure theirs in nautical miles.

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Now we all scream for a little less ice cream

From top right: Instagram influencer Jennifer Broders waited an hour to try charcoal or "goth ice cream" at Little Damage in L.A.; rolled ice cream, a street-food from Thailand; ube ice cream made from yams; unicorn ice cream, complete with starry sprinkles; Japanese mochi ice cream (centre). INSTAGRAM: @ JENNIFERBRODERS; @ MONIAPONIAA, @AJ_DA_NINJA, @BREADBOOZEBACON, @ LAURENMICHELLEM

FOOD

Canada's love for treat cools but millennials may slow melt

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Judging by the lines around the block for the latest sweet treats and the number of preposterously decadent creations showing up under #icecreamporn on Instagram, you would never guess the ice cream business is really feeling a chill.

Canadians eat about half as much ice cream as we did 20 years ago. In 1997, average consumption was 10.35 litres per person per year. In 2016, it was just 4.28 litres, according to Stats-Can figures cited by the Canadian Dairy Information Centre.

"Everyone still loves ice cream, but we're eating it less often," said Kathy Perrotta, vice president of marketing at the polling firm Ipsos Canada. She tracks Canadians' eating habits in granular detail.

"What's driving the decline is ice cream from a box or a carton," but individual treats like juice bars are still selling well, she said.

Perrotta said ice cream is transitioning away from being primarily a family dessert that's bought in bulk and stored in the freezer in anticipation of a daily after-dinner treat.

Instead, it's a snack — which means it's in competition with everything from potato chips to yogurt, cookies and fruit. And it's losing out to all of them.

The notion of dessert in general is on the decline, Perrotta added. Only 13 per cent of all dinners eaten in Canada, be they restaurant or home-cooked, include dessert. Ice cream sales have also taken a hit as concerns about children's sugar consumption have grown.

But that doesn't mean the ice cream business is heading into a deep freeze. Adults over 55 have continued the ice-cream-swilling habits of their youth. And 25 to 34-year-old urbanites are driving sales of single-serve cones and cups from ice cream parlours, Perrota said.

Millennials' have a propensity to blow their growing wealth on whatever food is "the in thing" — and that could include the new, Instagram-worthy ice cream flavours Perrotta said have the potential to "reinvigorate" the category.

Sometimes, fads turn into long-term consumption habits, she added. But for now, ice cream is being "pigeonholed" as a special occasion food.

Here are five extra-special ice cream trends you might want to seek out this summer:

Get the scoop on five hot new frozen trends

1 Mochi ice cream
Mochi ice cream resembles a snow-white or pastel-hued pizza pocket. Except instead of pizza filling, it contains ice cream, surrounded not by crust, but mochi, the sweet, chew Japanese candy made of pounded sticky rice.

2 Ube ice cream
The Filipino community deserves huge props for introducing the rest of the world to the creamy/earthy/nutty amazingness that is ice cream made with ube (purple yam). Bonus: Its delightful colour is all-natural.

3 Thai rolled ice cream
This melt-in-your mouth treat is formed into sheets, then rolled into spiral shapes like a crunchy-creamy frozen jelly roll. Flavours range from green tea to Oreo, and the toppings are limited only by your imagination.

4 Unicorn ice cream
Why would you want to eat something that's just one colour, when you can eat ice cream that is all the colours? Uber-trendy "unicorn" ice cream can be made with food colouring, or with pureed fruit for a more natural touch. It's typically topped with whipped cream, mini-marshmallows, "disco dust," (edible glitter), star-shaped sprinkles and a healthy helping of millennial nostalgia.

5 Charcoal ice cream
The charcoal trend is catching fire across the food industry; showing up in everything from beverages to pizza crust. Urbanites across North America are lining up for hours for the chance to try this matte black confection. You may think "goth" ice cream is pretty hard-core, but Finns got there first: They've been eating salty, jet-black salmiakki (liquorice) ice cream forever.

THEATRE

Seven Tony nods for Come From Away

The married co-creators of Come From Away were celebrating their six-year-journey from Gander, N.L., to the bright lights of Broadway on Tuesday as their uplifting, made-in-Canada theatrical production scored seven Tony Awards nominations, including a nod for best musical.

Come From Away is only the second Canadian-written show in the 71-year history of the Tonys to vie for best musical, following 2006's The Drowsy Chaperone, which won five awards.

"It's everything that we could have wished for and more, it's so incredible. And we're so proud to be telling this Canadian story and sharing with the world everything that we love about Canada and Newfoundland," said Regina-born, Saskatoon-raised co-creator David Hein from New York.

Come From Away is set in Gander in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. The remote East Coast town saw its population double in size as it sheltered 6,579 passengers and crew from planes diverted when U.S. air space was closed.

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Come From Away received seven Tony nominations in all, including the prestigious best musical award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHECKLIST | 2017 HONDA CR-V

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Engine: 1.5-litre turbo four-cylinder
Output: 190 horsepower, 179 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Continuously-variable automatic
Fuel Economy (l/100 km): 8.7 city, 7.2 hwy
Price: Starts at $26,690

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- Transmission clatter
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The Honda CR-V doesn't have to be sexy to sell

REVIEW

What you see is what you get with the best in class crossover

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

HANDOUT

Like virtually every other version of the Honda CR-V since its introduction back in 1997, there's nothing sexy about the 2017 model. And like all its predecessors, that will do nothing to hinder sales. What you see is what you get with Honda's compact crossover, and this time around that's a well-rounded package, improved on all fronts.

The big news here is the turbocharged 1.5-litre that's made its way under the CR-V's hood. Borrowed from the Civic, it gives a good amount of power though fuel economy improves only marginally.

The turbo engine doesn't feel quite as perky as it could, instead offering rather placid performance, the continuously-variable transmission it's been paired with should shoulder much of the blame.

While a little rigid and truck-like, the fourth-generation CR-V offers a tremendously smooth ride aided by its new suspension. Its cabin is also impressively quiet, a product of the active noise cancellation system.

Joining the inclusion of noise cancellation is a list of standard and available features including a touchscreen infotainment system and the Honda Sensing safety suite, a well-rounded package of safety tech that puts the CR-V on the same playing field as many of the premium offerings on the market.

Enlarged this time around, the CR-V features even more room for cargo and rear seat passengers. Second-row legroom has jumped to an impressive 102.6 centimetres, while cargo volume has also grown, eclipsing the outgoing model's mark to hit 1,110 litres.

When it comes to pricing, a base LX version is a reasonable $26,690, though it only puts power to its front wheels. The CR-V Touring with the full kit, including all-wheel drive, has a sticker price of $38,090. But perhaps most impressive about that top-trim pricing is that it undercuts the Kia Sportage, while including desirable features like adaptive cruise control.

Add it all up and the 2017 Honda CR-V brings all the necessary ingredients that are sure to keep it chugging along atop the segment for years to come.

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Why this has to stop

OPINION

Dan Robertson
For Metro

Once again, hockey fans sit on pins and needles while hoping for the best for Sidney Crosby.

Like many others, I am a big fan of the Pittsburgh Penguins captain, so when Matt Niskanen's head shot crumpled Canada's beloved No. 87 in Game 3 of the Penguins-Washington Capitals series, I felt sick to my stomach. There's no need to rehash Crosby's history of concussions; hockey fans are well aware.

After watching the replay multiple times, I am again left with a nagging question that I've had for years: why are players allowed to cross-check?

Matt Niskanen is not a dirty player. The play happened in a split second and I don't believe that he was head hunting. But his natural reaction when Crosby came toward him was to deliver a cross-check. That's because at all levels of hockey, defencemen are permitted to cross-check.

The next time you watch a game, watch the defencemen using their stick to cross-check opposing forwards in the back. Why is that allowed? I'm not blaming referees for not calling penalties in those situations in the NHL because it's been accepted forever, although it's not nearly as dangerous for a forward to stand in the crease as it once was.

If the NHL wants to cut down on stick work, they need to make officials enforce the rules. Any cross-check, regardless of the force behind it, needs to be called a penalty whether it's in the regular season or the playoffs.

That would encourage defencemen to 'push' opposing forwards without using the stick for leverage. Yes, it would fundamentally change the way defenceman play their position, especially around the net. It would take some time for them to adjust and would likely result in more power plays and in forwards getting more prime chances in close. Maybe that would result in more goals, which the NHL could desperately use but that's beside the point. Player safety needs to be first and foremost.

The bottom line is that this has to stop.

In Game 5 of the Montreal Canadiens-New York Rangers series, Brendan Smith cross-checked Habs forward Andrew Shaw in the jaw. He was not penalized; Shaw suffered the second concussion of the season and could not play in Game 6, Montreal's final game of the season.

Smith's cross-check appeared to be blatant and Shaw didn't go down. Maybe if he had, Smith would've been penalized.

Maybe Smith wasn't penalized or fined because Shaw isn't a star like Crosby. It doesn't matter.

Regardless of the circumstances, the NHL has to get serious about head shots and stick work. Whether or not Niskanen meant to hit Crosby in the head is irrelevant.

The damage has been done and it will keep happening until changes are made.

Dan Robertson has been the play-by-play voice of the Montreal Canadiens for the past three seasons. He grew up in Trenton, N.S.

Penguins star Sidney Crosby takes a hit from the Capitals' Matt Niskanen during Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinal in Pittsburgh on Monday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHAT NEXT?

- Crosby will miss Game 4 on Wednesday night. There is no timetable for his return.
- The league decided against holding a hearing to determine whether the hit should be subject to review.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs are human, too, Casey reminds team

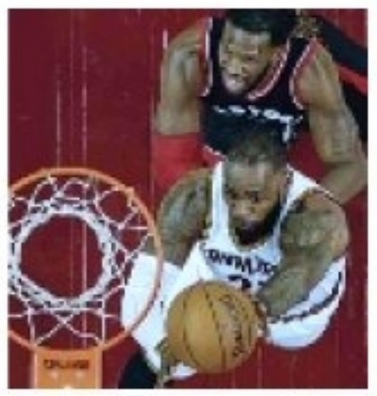
RAPTORS GAME 2 PREVIEW

Dwane Casey wants his players to stop giving LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers so much respect.

A day after the Raptors were thrashed by Cleveland in the opening game of the Eastern Conference semifinals, the coach's message to his team Tuesday was simple: the Cavs are human.

"They're a good team, we know that. But we're a good team, too, had the same record (51-31)," Casey said. "We have to go in with that confidence, that feeling of understanding say 'Hey look, they put their pants on one leg at a time, too. One shoe at a time.' I haven't seen 'em jump in and pull them up at the same time.

"So we've got to go in with that belief, that understanding. And I have a belief that we'll play better and get to that next gear the next game."



LeBron James gets past DeMarre Carroll to score a layup in Cleveland on Monday. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James had 35 points and 10 rebounds on Monday night.

The Raptors battle the Cavs in Game 2 at Quicken Loans Arena on Wednesday before the series heads home to Toronto for Games 3 and 4. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Leafs lock up Zaitsev through 2023-24 season

The Toronto Maple Leafs have signed defenceman Nikita Zaitsev to a seven-year contract extension.

The deal carries an annual average value of $4.5 million US and will keep the Russian blue-liner locked up through the 2023-24 campaign.

The 25-year-old Zaitsev registered 36 points (four goals, 32 assists) in 82 games in 2016-17, his rookie season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lundqvist, Rangers off the schneid with 4-1 victory

Henrik Lundqvist made 26 saves to lead the New York Rangers to a 4-1 win over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Mats Zuccarello, Michael Grabner, Rick Nash and Oscar Lindberg scored for New York, which still trails the best-of-seven 2-1 with Game 4 set for Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TFC promotes striker Spencer from junior side

Ben Spencer has signed with Toronto FC, moving up from Toronto FC 2 to give the senior side a different kind of striker off the bench.

"It's a great feeling," said the six-foot-five Spencer. "It's what I've been working towards since I've came to the club in 2015."

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Light Lemon Linguini

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Lighten up a pasta dinner with this creamy yet bright citrus dish. Works as a main course or, with a smaller portion, as satisfying side.

Ready in 25 minutes
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 1 500-gram package of linguini or spaghetti
- 3 lemons juiced (1 zested)
- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- handful of basil, washed and sliced into strips
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Cook pasta according to package instructions.

2. Scoop out about a cup of the water before draining.

3. While pasta is cooking mix lemon juice, zest, oil, Parmesan in a bowl.

4. Place drained pasta back into pot. Pour the sauce over the pasta and toss well until the cheese melts and each strand of pasta is well coated.

5. You can add a bit of cooking water if you need to loosen up your sauce. Add in the basil and toss again. Serve with a sprinkle of Parmesan

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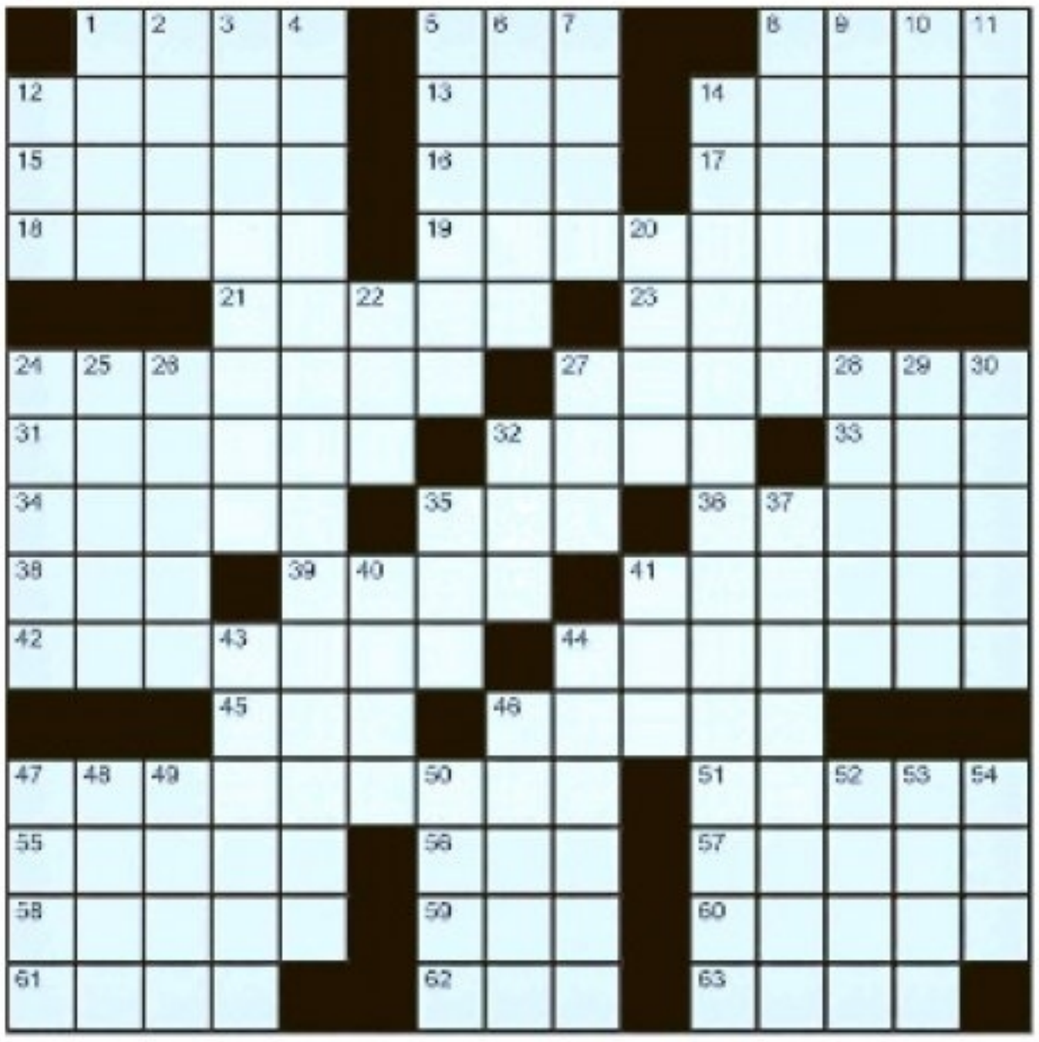
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Train-catching frequency, __ day
5. Getaway
8. Stubby pencils
12. Swiss currency
13. _-de-France
14. Waiting for _ (Samuel Beckett play)
15. "True Blood" star Stephen
16. Mr. Bellamy
17. Irish rebel Rory
18. "Thong Song" singer
19. As it doesn't orbit our Sun, #37-Down is known as a what?
21. Crate warning, '__ Hooks'
23. Ms. Lupino
24. Some sentences
27. Scale the ladder: 2 wds.
31. Chest 'beaters'
32. Opinion _
33. Time off, slang-style
34. Sch. subject
35. Mr. Hanks
36. Eye-related prefix
38. Lay backyard turf
39. Ms. Falco
41. 'A Heath.' is where it takes place in Macbeth: wd. + Roman Numeral
42. Sees to it
44. Like one's gut during stressful times: 2 wds.
45. 'Beat' suffix
46. Encourage/elevate
47. Has reached the destination as a parcel
51. The Congo's former name
55. De-pencil the paper
56. Will Smith title role
57. _ space
58. Not major
59. Hr. bit
60. Rock '_' _
61. Mr. Connery
62. Observe
63. One, in Hamburg

DOWN
1. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor Deanna
2. Manners
3. Thirty-two ounces equivalent: 2 wds.
4. Where Levis is situated in relation to Quebec City: 3 wds.
5. Classic fabrics
6. "Hawaii Five-O" star, __'Loughlin
7. Beatles: "Love __"
8. Respectfully negative response to the lady: 2 wds.
9. Japanese cuisine noodle
10. Drill hole
11. Proofreading term
12. Radio stations, e.g.
14. The newly-discovered world at #37-Down is located within this 'habitable' area of the red dwarf star that it orbits: 2 wds.
20. Medicine tablet
22. poet mr. cummings, et al.
24. Stage
25. Wading bird
26. Airborne attacks
27. URL ending
28. Canadian actor Mr. Gerussi
29. Still not rented
30. Manitoba and New Brunswick, e.g.
32. Edgar Allan Who?
35. Olde-style word
37. As per #14-Down and #19-Across, it's approximately four light years away from Earth, Proxima __ b
40. Dog's playful move
41. _-Caps (Candy brand)
43. Celine Dion song
44. Wounds solution
46. Negate
47. GOP rivals
48. Great Lake
49. Ms. Turner
50. NFL team
52. "Turn __!" (Let's watch TV)
53. Fam. members
54. Schubert's The __-King

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are in a generous mood. This is why you will be giving toward others and yourself. You might buy something luxurious!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your feelings with others are gentle and cooperative today. This largely is because you are very tuned-in and sensitive to the needs of others.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Mysticism and esoteric teachings might appeal to you today. Your activities will involve things that are going on behind the scenes.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you can help a friend in need today, you will be glad to do so. It's possible that you also will be helped by a friend, because this can work both ways.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone in a position of authority might help you today. This is why you view this person as generous and compassionate.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, you will enjoy beautiful places and the arts and crafts of other cultures. Give yourself a chance to do this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You feel sympathetic toward someone less fortunate today, which is why you will do whatever you can to help. This is a good thing. Never miss an opportunity to practice kindness.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day to mend broken fences or to reach out to someone if things have been stressful. People feel warm and sympathetic toward each other.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will find that working with coworkers will be a positive experience today, because all parties will want to get along. For some reason, people want to go that extra step to help each other.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Artists and anyone involved in artistic projects will be productive today, because they are in touch with their creative energy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day for a warmhearted family discussion, because people feel sympathetic toward each other. Everyone will want to pitch in and help someone who needs it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
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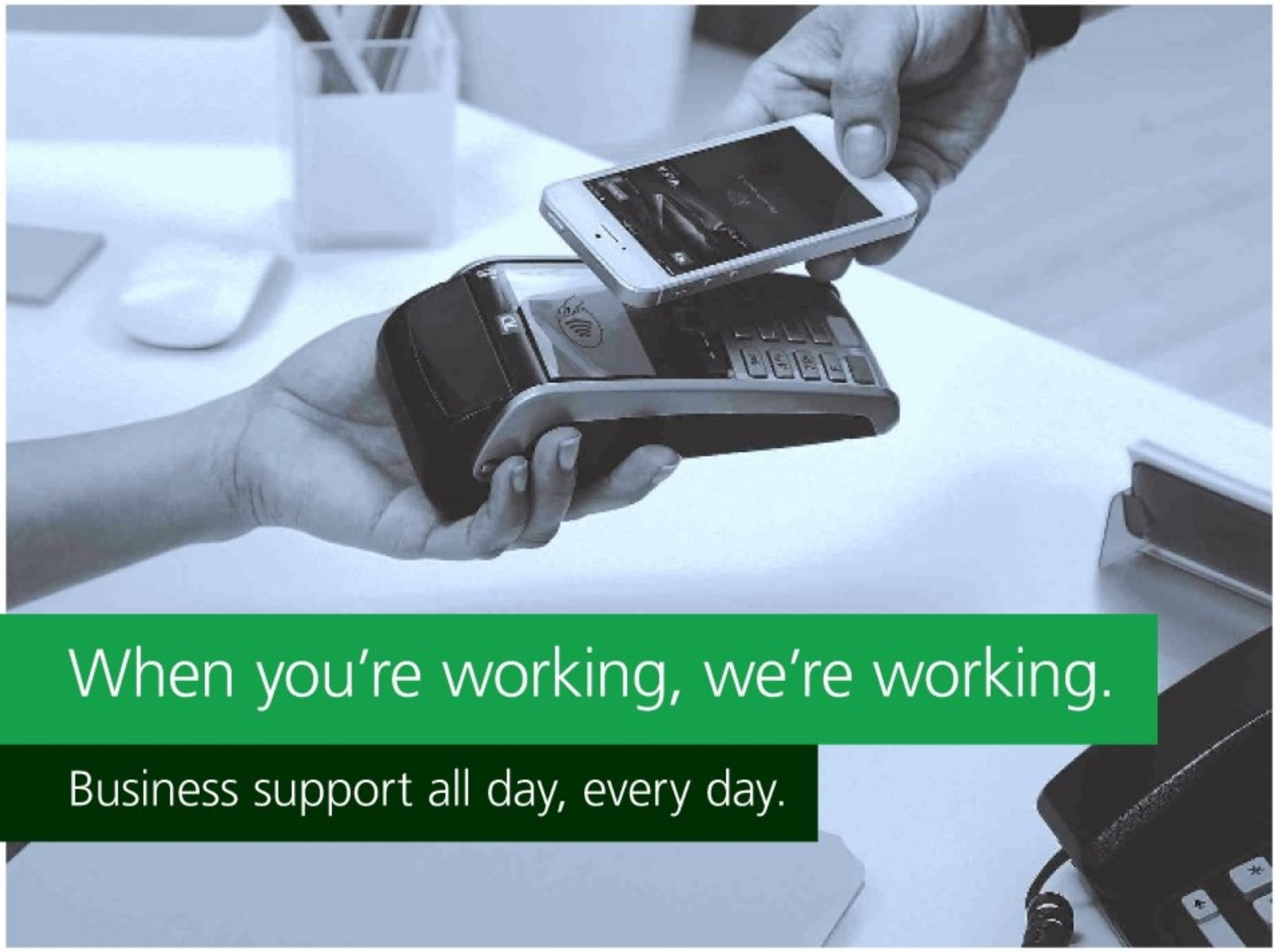

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